whether Taliban were affected by the resolution 1267 of United Nations Security Council; and

(c) If not, whether Government have taken some more measures in the interest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) There is growing consensus in the international community that the scourge of terrorism needs to be dealt with resolutely by all countries. The hijacking of the Indian Airlines flight IC-814 was an operation executed with the assistance of Harkat-ul-Mujahideen, a terrorist group based in Pakistan having close links with terrorist groups in Afghanistan and also the ISI.

The UNSC resolution 1267 has adversely affected the air links of the Taliban with the outside world.

Government is in touch with other countries on matters relating to international terrorism.

Changes made by the U.K. on Issuing Visas to Indians

58. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Government of United Kingdom have made some changes in the issue of visas to Indian visitors;

(b) if so the details thereof.

(c) whether Indians can still apply in the same way by providing the usual documents etc; and

(d) if not, whether Government would also take suitable steps for the Britishers entering into India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI

JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government is not aware of any changes in the procedure for issue of visas to Indians visiting the U.K.

(c) Yes, Sir. Indians can continue to apply for British visas with the usual documents, as per the prevailing rules of British visa services.

(d) The Government reserves the right to take reciprocal action in the event that such rules and guidelines are changed for issue of visas to Indian by the British Government.

ISI activities

59. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the ISI has spread its wings in Nepal;

(b) whether any news item appeared in media have suggested that a large quantity of food stuff finds its way into Indian consumer market and because of large number of dealers using such products, any adulteration mischief can lead to a situation like dropsy; and

(c) what steps, Government plans to take to rectify such a situation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) Government are aware of and concerned about the Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) agency misusing the territory of Nepal for activities inimical to India's interests. Both sides have agreed to jointly coordinate measures to prevent the misuse of the open India-Nepal border to counter activities directed against India.

Government are aware of media reports suggesting that a large quantity of food stuff finds its way into the Indian consumer market. The Ministry of Health has issued the requisite notification under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 for appropriate checking of foodstuff entering India from abroad, including from